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Jim Wilcox, Manager, Government & Regulatory Services 500 West Russell Street P.O. Box 988 Sioux Falls, SD 57101-0988 Telephone (605) 339-8350 fax 612/573-9083 internet - james.c.wilcox@xcelenergy.com

September 24, 2002

Ms. Debra Elofson, Executive Director South Dakota Public Utilities Commission State Capitol Building 500 East Capitol Avenue Pierre, South Dakota 57501-5070 RECEIVED

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SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Dear Ms. Elofson:

In accordance with Docket EL91-004, enclosed please find Xcel Energy's report on 2001 economic development activities.

The following report is organized as follows:

The first page reiterates the budget that was planned for the year 2001.

The second page depicts the actual economic development expenses Xcel Energy made in 2001.

The third page provides a planned budget that Xcel Energy plans for 2002.

The following pages provide documentation of the actual expenses that Xcel Energy incurred in this program in 2001.

Xcel Energy respectfully requests approval of our 2001 report and the 2002 economic development budget.

If anyone has any questions, please call me at 339-8350

Sincerely,

Jim Wilcox

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South Dakota Economic Development Investments		2001
		Budget
Minnehaha County Economic Development Association (MCEDA)	\$	10,000
Lincoln County Economic Development Association (LCEDA)	\$	15,000
Xcel Energy "Economic Assistance" Program	\$	61,500
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Lincoln County Economic Development Association (LCEDA)	\$	15,000
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Minnehaha County Economic Development Association (MCEDA)	\$	10,000
Lincoln County Economic Development Association (LCEDA)	\$	15,000
Xcel Energy "Economic Assistance" Program	\$	46,500
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Lincoln County Economic Development Association 200 N. Phillips Ave. - Suite 101 PO Box 907 Sioux Falls, SD 57101

DATE: March 5, 2001

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Mary Thoen Xcel Energy PO Box 988 Sioux Falls, SD 57101

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Sioux Falls Development Foundation

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January 31, 2001

Jim Wilcox Xcel Energy Box 988 Sioux Falls SD 57101 0988

Sioux Falls Development Foundation 2001 Membership Dues

Please pay this amount ... \$1,500.00

Please make check payable to: Sioux Falls Development Foundation

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Please consider a 10% increase in your membership contribution. That would make this year's total \$1,650.00

Thank you for your generous support!

Payments to the Sioux Falls Development Foundation are not deductible as charitable contributions for Federal Income Tax purposes. However, they may be deductible under other provisions of the Internal Revenue Code.

200 North Phillips Avenue, Suite 101, PO Box 907, Sioux Falls, SD 57101-0907 Phone: 605-339-0103 * Fax: 605-339-0055 James Wilcox January 26,2001 Page 2

We do expect some short-term remedy from either the state of California or the Federal Government. However, the Bush administration has publicly stated that the Federal Government will to remain on the sidelines for now. Additionally, regional and national media report that companies are thinking twice before expanding in or moving to California. (See attached article)

The bottom line is that the time is right to re-enter the California market for prospecting and we need your help. Please review the proposed budget and enclosed material. As mentioned at our meeting, the GOED is allocating \$25,000 from our marketing budget to make this campaign successful. We still are looking for approximately \$50,000 to ensure this campaign's success and need your help. Several of our marketing partners have already come forward and verbally committed money to this campaign. To meet our goal, we are asking each of our partners in this campaign to contribute \$5,000.00 a piece towards this campaign. Checks can be made out to the Governor's Office of Economic Development. A separate account has been established to maintain strict accountability. Our address is 711 E. Wells Ave., Pierre, SD 57501.

Again, we're excited about this new partnership and look forward to developing this partnership in the future. At our next meeting, in the spring of 2001, we would like to discuss with you the development and structure of a long-term relationship between GOED, your state associations, and your individual companies, co-ops, or municipalities.

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GOED Representatives Bruce Lyon, Tobin Morris, or myself will be calling you in the next week to discuss the marketing plan, answer any questions you may have, and to visit with you about your contribution to this effort. You may also call me at anytime if you have questions or concerns about this effort.

Thank you again for your participation and effort in making this a successful campaign.

Sincerely,

Chris Braendlin

Director - Business Development

Governor's Office of Economic Development

Direct Line (605) 773-5609

Cell (605) 530-6996



Sioux Falls Development Foundation

MEMORANDUM

To:

Jim Wilcox

Xcel Energy

From:

Dan Scott

A75

Subject:

Economic Development Funds

Date:

November 21, 2001

It has come to my attention that Xcel Energy may have economic development funds remaining in its 2001 budget and may be looking for a use for these funds.

Please be advised that the Sioux Falls Development Foundation is currently in the process of building the east one-half of Lewis Avenue from 54th Street to 60th Street. Our share of the cost of this project is over \$100,000.00. As we discussed, the Sioux Falls Development Foundation requests \$30,000 from Xcel Energy to assist with this project.

If you have any questions about this project, please call me. In case the question should arise, the Sioux Falls Development Foundation is a 501 C (6) Corporation.

Thank you very much for all of your past support and thanks for your consideration in this matter.

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SECOND REQUEST

DATE:

June 12, 2001

FROM:

Southeast Enterprise Facilitation Project

TO:

Ms. Mary Thoen Xcel Energy PO Box 988

Sioux Falls, SD 57101

SEFP Board Contact:

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2001 Contribution	\$1,000.00

Balance Due	\$1,000.00

Please remit your payment to:

John McDonald, Treasurer Southeast Enterprise Facilitation Project PO Box 427 Parker, SD 57053-0427

Please note that SEFP has obtained tax-exempt status as a 501(c)(3) organization. As such, contributions to SEFP are deductible as charitable contributions for federal income tax purposes.

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DARWIN PETERSON, Superintendent

July, 2001

Dear Friend

We are writing to tell you about an exciting new project that we and several members of the Alexandria, Fulton and Farmer communities are embarking upon. Recently a group of citizens and educators concerned about the future of the Hanson School came together. A committee has been formed for the purpose of raising money to supplement the cost of building a new activity center.

As a former student, friend, or business partner of education, we are asking for your help. We know you want children from our communities to be given a chance to thrive and excel in an attractive, functional school building. Recently there has been much discussion in South Dakota about declining enrollments and possible consolidations. One indicator of a stable community is its school. The new addition to Hanson School will become a focal point and a center for community and school activities.

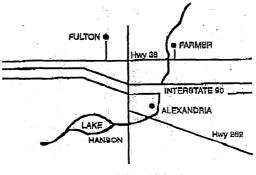
Our goal is to raise a minimum of \$300,000.00. We are planning to use a variety of methods including alumni contacts, business contributions and in-kind donations. You can help by making a tax-deductible pledge to the Hanson School Activity Center. Please read the enclosed literature about one-time gifts, payment plans, and other ways you can support this effort

The Alexandria, Fulton and Farmer communities have a strong history of community spirit, loyalty and dedication. We know we can count on you to help us achieve our goal. If you have any questions about the project, please contact a Hanson School Board member. Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Hanson School Activity Center Committee

JAMES BRIDGE High School Principal Athietic Director Tel. 239-4387



JUDY CHEESEMAN Business Manager

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South Dakota Public Utilities Commission **WEEKLY FILINGS**

For the Period of September 26, 2002 through October 2, 2002

If you need a complete copy of a filing faxed, overnight expressed, or mailed to you, please contact Delaine Kolbo within five business days of this report. Phone: 605-773-3705 Fax: 605-773-3809

CONSUMER COMPLAINTS

CT02-038

In the Matter of the Complaint filed by Krista Heeren-Graber on behalf of S.D. Network Against Family Violence & Sexual Assault, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, against McLeodUSA Telecommunications Services, Inc. Regarding a Contract Dispute.

Complainant's representative states that in September 1999, Complainant began receiving service from McLeod. Over a three year period two additional lines and internet service were added. Since 1999, different disputes arose including assessing the Complainant for lowa sales tax which took months to get credit for; voice mail not working properly; and due to an upgrade by McLeod, the Complainant was without toll-free access service for many weeks. Complainant ended service with McLeod in June 2002. The final billing included a term liability charge for over \$2000. Complainant's representative disputes that there was a five year contract entered into with McLeod, that the original of the contract does not list any terms and conditions, and the copy sent by McLeod to the Complainant showing the terms and conditions is dated March 2002.

Staff Analyst: Amy Kayser Staff Attorney: Karen Cremer Date Docketed: 09/27/02 Intervention Deadline: N/A

ELECTRIC

EL02-019 Call the Matter of the Filing by Xcel Energy for Approval of its 2001 Economic Development Annual Report and 2002 Economic Development Plan.

On September 30, 2002, the Commission received a filing from Xcel Energy in accordance with Docket EL91-004 requesting: (1) approval of its 2001 economic development report; and (2) approval of its 2002 economic development budget.

Staff Analyst: Heather Forney Staff Attorney: Kelly Frazier Date Docketed: 09/30/02 Intervention Deadline: 10/18/02

EL02-020

In the Matter of the Filing by Otter Tail Power Company for Approval of a Contract with Deviations with the City of Eden.

Otter Tail Power Company has filed for approval a Municipal Contract with the City of Eden and a Summary List of Contracts with Deviations. The Municipal Contract for the City of Eden was updated because the old Contract will expire on October 26, 2002. The new Contract does not include any new rates that would be considered a deviation.

Staff Analyst: Michele Farris Staff Attorney: Kelly Frazier Date Docketed: 09/30/02

Intervention Deadline: 10/16/02

EL02-021 In the Matter of the Filing by Xcel Energy for Approval of its Revised Rate Sheets for its Occasional Delivery Energy Service and Time of Delivery Energy Service.

On September 27, 2002, the Commission received for approval a filing of revised rate sheets for the Occasional Delivery Energy Service and Time of Delivery Energy Service. According to the filing, the proposed Occasional Delivery Energy Service rate sheet is revised to reflect an increased metering charge and energy payment. The proposed Time of Delivery Energy Service rate sheet is revised to reflect a decrease in metering charge. Similarly, energy and capacity payments are also revised to reflect the Company's 2002 avoided costs estimate, as illustrated in attachment 1 to the filing.

Staff Attorney: Kelly Frazier Staff Analyst: David Jacobson Date Docketed: 10/01/02

Intervention Deadline: 10/18/02

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

TC02-166 In the Matter of S&S Communications/Alterna-Cell's Compliance with Commission Order.

On September 27, 2002, the Commission received a Motion from staff requesting that the Commission issue an Order To Show Cause to S&S Communications/Alterna-Cell (S&S) as to why S&S should not be found in violation of the Order Granting Certificate of Authority in TC00-114 (Order) and of the laws of the State of South Dakota, including but not limited to SDCL 49-31-7.1 and ARSD 20:10:01:28, 20:10:06:05 and 20:10:24:05.05. According to the Motion, staff has sent numerous data requests to S&S in order to determine the proper amount of bond which S&S must post pursuant to the Order. On September 24, 2002, staff received a letter from S&S objecting to providing this information. The Motion alleges that this denial is in violation of state law and alleges that S&S is not properly bonded. Staff seeks an Order, inter alia, compelling S&S to produce the information requested by staff, compelling S&S to meet the bond requirements of the Order or suspending or revoking S&S' certificate of authority. Any party wishing to comment on the Motion may do so by filing written comments with the Commission and the parties to the agreement no later than October 16, 2002. Written responses to the comments may be filed no later than twenty days after the service of the initial comments.

Staff Attorney: Kelly Frazier
Date Docketed: 09/27/02

Initial Comments Due: 10/16/02

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

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On September 30, 2002, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received Xcel Energy's (Xcel) 2001 Economic Development Annual Report and proposed Economic Development Plan for 2002. The proposed plan was filed in accordance with the settlement agreements reached between NSP and Commission Staff, and approved by the Commission, in the company's most recent rate case filings, Dockets EL91-004 and EL92-016.

For 2002, Xcel's proposed economic development investment budget is \$100,000. The actual expenditures for the 2001 Economic Development Plan were \$100,000. Fifty percent of the 2002 budget would be recovered through rates, with the remaining 50% funded by shareholders.

At its regularly scheduled November 20, 2002, meeting, the Commission reviewed Xcel's 2001 Economic Development Annual Report and Economic Development Plan for 2002. The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-34A, specifically, SDCL 49-34A-4 and 49-34A-6. After review of the report and plan, the Commission found that they are just and reasonable and voted to approve them (Commissioner Nelson, dissenting). It is therefore

ORDERED, that Xcel's 2001 Economic Development Annual Report and Economic Development Plan for 2002 are approved as filed.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this and day of December, 2002.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE
The undersigned hereby certifies that this document has been served today upon all parties of record in this docket, as listed on the docket service list, by facsimile or by first class mail, in properly addressed envelopes, with charges prepaid thereon. By:
Date: 12/2/02
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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

AMES A. BURG, Chairman

PAM NELSON, Commissioner, dissenting

ROBERT K. SAHR. Commissioner

DISSENT OF COMMISSIONER NELSON

Xcel Energy (Xcel) first filed these economic development plans five years before I took office. I understand the economic development plan blueprint was developed during settlement between our staff and employees of Northern States Power Company, Xcel's predecessor. Ratepayers and utility would each contribute \$50,000 annually; the utility would develop a plan to spend the money; and this Commission would get its say through an approval process. The idea was that economic development would be a benefit for both customer and company. The Commission subsequently approved the settlement, and annual filings have been made.

I have approved past filings of these plans. I believe these plans can be a beneficial tool. The trick is to transform the money into an economic development tool. We have seen Xcel offer a variety of programs designed to do just that. I understand some may have yielded more immediate returns than others, and I understand how some projects require a longer-term view as benefits may be difficult to measure. One must keep an open, imaginative mind and one must exhibit a degree of patience with results.

Last year we approved a plan that gave Xcel wide spending latitude for the bulk of the money. Over 60% was in a "pot" dubbed the "Economic Assistance" Program. We relied on Xcel's discretion to appropriately ladle the cash out of the pot and into the hands of worthy economic causes.

My dissent arises because I think at least some of the cash was "ladled" to programs that have little, if any hope of economic development return. Specifically, I believe donating \$5,000 to the SD Tech Summit is more appropriately labeled as a political contribution than an economic development contribution. Yes, these types of events have been funded in the past, with approval. There was some hope of benefit. I no longer see the value. I have neither seen nor heard of any concrete positive results from past summits. We learn from the past, and then we must act. My dissent from the majority approval does just that. I further recommend the percentage of discretionary economic funds, because it has grown so large, be kept under closer scrutiny by this Commission. It appears the reporting and approval process should be expanded to require Commission approval before large amounts are doled out from the fund.